SUBJECT No. 60.

Increasing the pay of clerks of Sub-Registry offices.

Mr. Guru Rao, Pleader, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The clerks in the Registration Department work even more than those of other Departments, but yet their pay is proportionately small and chances of promotion are very few. A man starting on Rs. 6 in the Revenue Department can hope to rise up to Rs. 40 at least. It is therefore prayed that a scale giving the attender a grade from Rs. 6 to Rs. 8, 2nd clerk from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 and the 1st clerk from Rs. 20 to Rs. 25 be made as an inducement and encouragement for better work.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 61.

Batta to witnesses for prosecution.

Mr. Dasappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Witnesses for prosecution are not allowed any batta. It is requested that they may be given batta.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 62.

The compulsion of night-watch in Unions to be removed.

Mr. Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The compulsion of night-watch in Unions may be removed as it is very inconvenient. Or exemptions may be granted to Brahmins and others.

Reply of Government.—The present rules have been in force since the days of the British Commission and have on the whole proved advantageous to the village community. As long as they remain in force no exemption can be given to particular persons or classes of persons.

SUBJECT No. 63.

Declaration before Sub-Registrars regarding previous mortgage of property.

Messrs. Dhalappa, Anekal Taluk, Ramaiya, and Sinappa, Hoskote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A declaration may be made before Sub-Registrars that the property referred to in the transaction has not been previously mortgaged.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

REVENUE.

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SUBJECT No. 64.

Abolition of Sayer duty, and connected questions.

Messrs. Kiggi Channakesava Rao, Halgur Venkatasubbaiya and Bettagere Subramanya Bhatta, Koppa Taluk, Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk; S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL. B., Shimoga Municipality; C. Subba Rao, B.A., B.L., Nagar Sabha, M. R. Giriyappa, Ramiah Gowda and Seshanna, Tirthahalli Taluk; C. Nagappa and Ganapati Subhayit, Aramane Koppa Ramappa, Nagar Taluk; H. Shama Rao and A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk; Venkataramaiya, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; G. Subba Rao and A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk; Channakesava Setti, Hassan Taluk; Suryanaranappa, Venkata Subbaiya, Suryanarna Setty, Arkalgud Taluk; B. Kesaviengar and Kesavadasaiengar, Belur Taluk; Karnik Nallappa, Mylarappa and Raja Nanjappa Setty, Tumkur Municipal Board.

Messrs. Kudlur Venkataramaiya and Sidda Gangappa, Chamrajnagar.

Messrs. Krishnachar, Aswathaiya and Sanjive Gowda, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The abolition of Sayer duty on arecanut is being prayed for year after year, and last year Government were pleased to remark that the subject was not new and that it was receiving consideration. Early orders may be passed on the subject so that they may take effect from the current year.

(2) It is prayed that the Sayer duty imposed on arecanut may be dispensed with, or if that be not possible, a proportionate duty be imposed on the estimated outturn of the crop and included in the raiyat's khate and the raiyat thus allowed liberty to reap the crop at such time as he may consider most profitable to him.

(3) The present system of requiring the presence of the village officer at the time of harvesting arecanut is disadvantageous to the gardeners. The shekdar with the help of the panchayatdars may be allowed to estimate the probable yield of arecanut and the duty leviable thereon, and prepare a list containing the above particulars and